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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made to the General Assembly by the Fifth Committee under agenda item 139 appears in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/63/646 and A/63/646/Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 49th and 55th meetings, on 28 May and 25 June 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.49 and 55).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/63/562) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/746/Add.12).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.47

4. At its 55th meeting, on 25 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea" (A/C.5/63/L.47), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.47 without a vote (see para. 6 below).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the last of which was resolution 1798 (2008) of 30 January 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 2008,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1827 (2008) of 30 July 2008, by which the Council terminated the mandate of the Mission effective 31 July 2008,

Recalling further its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 63/257 of 24 December 2008,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.5 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[1]

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[1] A/63/562.

[2] A/636/746/Add.12.

5. *Also takes note* of the unencumbered balance and other income in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 17,611,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008;

6. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 2,875,000 dollars as at 30 April 2009 from the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 17,611,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

7. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 6 above to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

8. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 2,875,000 dollars as at 30 April 2009 from the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 17,611,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 6 above;

9. *Also decides* to defer to its sixty-fourth session a decision on the treatment of the balance of 14,736,400 dollars, and requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its second resumed sixty-fourth session on the updated financial position of the Mission;

10. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".